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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF TELECOM MRA LETTERS

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¶1. On November 21, 2007, and per instructions in ref, Embassy and GOJ effected the exchange of letters required to bring the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures between Japan and the United States of America into force on January 1, 2008. The Embassy received a letter signed by Nobutaka Machimura, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs ad interim of Japan. The Embassy provided a letter signed by Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer. The letter informed each side that each had completed the necessary steps to bring the agreement into force. The original copies will be forwarded to Washington (EAP/J) by registered pouch.

¶2. The following is the translation of the Japanese letter and also the text of the U.S. letter signed by the Ambassador.

Begin Text:
Tokyo, November 21, 2007

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to Article 15 of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures between Japan and the United States of America done at Washington on February 16, 2007, which provides that the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other that they have completed their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

I have further the honor to inform Your Excellency that the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement in respect of Japan have been fulfilled. The Agreement will accordingly enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of Your Excellency's Note informing me that the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement in respect of the United States of America have been fulfilled.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Nobutaka MACHIMURA
Minister of State
Minister of Foreign Affairs
ad interim of Japan

His Excellency

Mr. John Thomas Schieffer
Ambassador of the United States of America in Japan
End text.

13. Begin text of U.S. letter:

[Embassy of the United States of America]
Tokyo, November 21, 2007

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's
Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to Article 15 of the Agreement on Mutual
Recognition of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures between
Japan and the United States of America done at Washington on
February 16, 2007, which provides that the Agreement shall enter
into force on the first day of the second month following the date
on which the Parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other
that they have completed their respective internal procedures
necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

I have further the honor to inform Your Excellency that the internal
procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement in
respect of Japan have been fulfilled. The Agreement will
accordingly enter into force on the first day of the second month
following the date of Your Excellency's Note informing me that the
internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this
Agreement in respect of the United States of America have been
fulfilled."

I also have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the internal

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procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement in
respect of the United States of America have been fulfilled.

The Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Results of Conformity
Assessment Procedures between the United States of America and Japan
done at Washington on February 16, 2007, will, therefore, enter into
force on January 1, 2008, in accordance with Article 15 of the
Agreement.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the
assurance of my highest consideration.

John Thomas Schieffer
Ambassador of the United States of America in Japan

Nobutaka MACHIMURA
Minister of State
Minister of Foreign Affairs
ad interim of Japan
End text.